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Jeff Lipscomb Shies at Natural Gas. Jeff Lipscomb, mayor of Parsons, is again in trouble—not because he has violated the moral or statutory laws, but because it is impossible for him to become accustomed to the improvements and conveniences of advancing civilization.

Some months ago some of his friends persuaded him to visit Elkins where he mistook a soda fountain for a patent automatic liquor machine, and now he has been compelled to forsake his family because of the natural gas which is now burning within a half mile of his borough. The situation can best be explained by publishing a letter he wrote to Deacon Brown, of the Argus, from the huckleberry plains, one of the wildest and remotest sections of Tucker county. Here is his letter:

Dear Deacon:—

My soul is cast down—I am a fugitive—not from justice but from that god-darned thing they call natural gas. You know, deacon, that you and I have never shied from anything that could be reasoned out by the rule of cause and effect. For instance, we never scared at a jug of apple jack or corn whisky, for we could see clearly that either would be the cause of a hilarious time if taken in pint doses at frequent intervals, which we have done for the past fifty years.

But Deacon, this natural gas jars my system. I visited the place where Deacon Syler said it was and asked the men to show it to me. They replied: "There it is, look at it." For the life of me, there was nothing to see, and I got mad and told the fellow the next time he got full in my bailiwick I would send him to jail for 30 days for attempting to make fun of me. He struck a match and held it to the end of an iron pipe when a flame of fire shot out from it twenty feet long, and almost burned my moccasins before I could get out of the way. I asked him what he made the stuff out of. He said it wasn't made, but it came from a hole in the ground near Weston. Now, Deacon, I reason this way: Gas isn't anything or you could see it. Now if they bored a hole in the ground and got nothing and are able to burn nothing, it is time for me to leave the haunts that have known me these many years and go where people are not so darned smart.

I was undecided where I should locate—with you at Kingwood, or here on the huckleberry plains. I chose the latter. I can stand some things, Deacon, but when people ask me to forsake the pine knot that Nature has provided to furnish light for mortal man and use in its place "nothing" which by some hocus pocus arrangement is made to burn, I jump the game, and am now soothing my agitated soul by taking copious draughts of Melky Miller's best which I won off "Nige" Parsons on the recent election. Deacon come over and join me in my solitude, and you shall have enough "inspiration" to run the Argus for the next four years, provided, of course, it requires no more than you manifested in your recent campaign for the State Senate.

Yours in misery,

JEFF.

CONTEST ENDS.

Long Drawn Out Fight For Sheriff in Wetzel County Closes.

Candidate Cox Withdraws From the Race—Republican Wins.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 19.—The recount for sheriff came to an end Friday afternoon by D. H. Cox withdrawing from the contest. As soon as the board of commissioners convened after dinner Mr. Cox asked to see the ballots marked and which had been separated from the lot, and after making a very careful examination of them his counsel, S. B. Hall, stated that the contest would end, and that Ingram Myers would have a warm supporter in Mr. Cox. While the evidence was preponderating and unquestioned that the ballots had been mutilated while in the county clerk's office no one would believe for a moment that Mr. Cox had any hand in the matter neither would suspicion be raised against any county official. At this time it is unknown what will be done, as it is now up to the prosecuting attorney and the Sperry brothers of Clarksburg, who have been engaged by the Republicans to look after the matter. The good citizens of both parties regret that suspicion of unfairness should be laid at the door of any citizen of this county. Ingram Myers, the first Republican sheriff, was given his certificate of election and will come to this city on January 1st. He has held an important position with the South Penn Oil company for a number of years, and has resided at Pine Grove for the past four or five years. He comes highly recommended and the vote he received in his district, Grant, shows his popularity. While his district gave a small Democratic majority, he carried it by 300.

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CHRISTMAS

As Spent By Thousands of Little Folks—Santa Claus Will Not Forget Inmates of Great Orphan Asylum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—One of the largest Christmas parties in this great city this year will be held in a stone building on the Washington Heights, where over 1,000 little folks will gather around two great Christmas trees laden with toys and the good things appropriate to the season. After the gifts have been distributed, there will be an entertainment in which very likely a slight-of-hand performer or ventriloquist will be the central figure. To many of this regiment of children, the gathering will be the first Christmas party in which they have been included among the guests. They have come mostly from the crowded East Side to be made into good Americans by the New York Juvenile Asylum, an institution which in the 50 years of its existence has sent out into the world 37,000 boys and girls.

The party on Washington Heights has an especial significance this year because by the time another Christmas comes, the work of the institution will have been transferred to a new home which, when completed, will represent an expenditure of three million dollars, capital invested in what may be described as the business of transforming the raw material of the slums into the finished product of good citizenship. The great majority of children received into this New York asylum are the victims of misfortune to which they have not themselves contributed, and they do not enter the building on Washington Heights through the police courts. Among them are only a few who have been committed to the asylum because of misdemeanors. They are mostly the orphans of the tenements or the children of parents who have found the struggle of life to bitter to enable them to keep their families together. These children of to-day constitute the raw material from which are to be made the men and women of to-morrow. Left to themselves or to chance charity in the crowded streets they would be in constant danger of falling into wrongdoing. Under the care of the asylum they are brought under faithful and helpful influence both in the institution itself and in the homes which are found for them.

In every State and territory in the Union, including far-off Alaska, men and women now prosperous and successful who recall similar Christmas parties in the asylum building on the Heights. One of the Christmas sermons which will be preached in New York this year will be delivered by a former pupil of the asylum, for he is now the rector of a large church in Brooklyn. Another graduate, who a short time ago added to the Christmas cheer of the directors by sending them a generous check, the proceeds to be added to the graduates' building fund, is a prominent lawyer in a Western city. In his case it may be truthfully said that he got his start in life by stealing apples from a push-cart on the bowery. He was only six years old, a street urchin growing up among evil influences from which he was removed because of his theft of the apples, a fact in which he jokingly alluded in a letter accompanying his check. He said that while it might be true that Eve's fall came through eating an apple, it was certain that his own regeneration was directly traceable to the same cause.

YOU LOVE ME NOW.
(From the French of Louis L'Amour.)
Do you recall the cruel winter, dear,
When bitter tempests seemed to
rage all day,
And heavy skies o'ercast the sodden
gray,
To the dull earth seemed curiously
near?

Little I mourned for the departing
year!
The storm seemed but a mad dance
for a day
To hide the face of Nature smiling
gay—
You loved me, and my heart was full
of cheer.

Now spring time clothes anew the
budding trees,
And paints the heavens with deli-
cious light,
The meads with violets are spangled
o'er,
What has my heart to do with things
like these—
With beauty, peace and passion ex-
quisite?

No spring it knows—for you love me
no more.

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